GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Free Gas Connection to Poor People
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG consumers in the country, State/Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)-wise;
(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide subsidized/free gas connection to rural poor/ Below Poverty Line (BPL) families across the country;
(c) if so, the number of such connections provided during the last three years along with funds provided/utilised for the purpose, State/UT/OMC-wise including Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh;
(d) whether any complaints have been received against the dealers in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh for not providing free LPG connection to the BPL families; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the defaulters, State/UT/ OMC-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) State/OMCs-wise details of active LPG consumers as on 01.07.2016 is at Annexure-I.
(b) & (c) A scheme for providing one time grant to BPL families for release of new LPG connection was in operation in the country upto 31.03.2016. As per the scheme, the security deposit (upto Rs. 1600/-) for one cylinder and Pressure Regulator was paid from the fund created for this purpose. State/UT-wise details of LPG connections issued and fund utilised, including in the State of Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh under the Scheme in the last three years (2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16) is at Annexure-II. Further, the Government has launched "Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana"(PMUY) for providing deposit free LPG connections to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. LPG connections are provided in the names of women of the BPL families. As on 13.07.2016,
total 13.67 lakh Subscription Vouchers for LPG connections have been issued under PMUY. State/UT-wise details is at Annexure-III.
(d) & (e) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that there are no established complaints against LPG distributors for not providing LPG connections to BPL families.